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"I'm pretty good at seeing if people are blowing smoke up my ass."

Tammie Willies

College Buys Apartment Buildings

\$8.75 Million Spent For Marye's Heights

By RYAN HAMM
Editor-In-Chief

The Mary Washington College Real Estate Foundation purchased the Marye's Heights apartment complex for \$8.75 million from the Silver Companies on Wednesday, Nov. 21. The complex, which is located behind the south end of campus on William St., will help ease the college's overcrowding problems with space for 350 students in August 2003, after the 18-month lease period provided to residents.

"We have been thinking about wanting to do something like this for a long time," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Bernard Chirico. "I really feel that this is a true watershed for MWC because it is very different than what we have done up to this point."

The Mary Washington College Real Estate Foundation, a separately incorporated private foundation formed exclusively for the purpose of acquiring real estate on behalf of the college, will handle the existing leases of the current residents.

Once the college acquires the property, residents will have the opportunity to extend their leases until May 15, 2003, with the guarantee of no rental increase from the amount

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"We hope that students who do want to live off campus will migrate to the facility..."

Rick Hurley

Courtesy College Relations



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Ruth Brady, a resident of Marye's Heights, looks out of her terrace. Brady, like all of the current tenants, is forced to find new housing.

Tenants Upset, Students Pleased

By SARAH LUCAS
Features Editor

Many of the residents of Marye's Heights Apartments, the majority of whom are elderly, are upset about having to move out because the college purchased the complex.

However, reaction from students on the purchase has been overwhelmingly positive.

According to resident Mary Monroe, she and the other residents like being within walking distance of downtown Fredericksburg. Some residents do not have cars but are able to walk downtown. She also does not think there are enough apartments within the city limits to accommodate all of the tenants.

"This place has been, for many years, like a community in and of itself," Monroe said.

Monroe said that many of the residents expected to spend the remainder of their lives at Marye's Heights. She herself has only been living there for three years, and said that she does not think the move will be as hard on her as it will be on some of the other residents.

"The thought of having to move isn't thrilling me to death... but that's life," Monroe said. "We're very disappointed, but things move forward in life. Everything is growing, and the college is not immune to that growth."

She also added that she was glad the notice came in plenty of time for them to move, and that they were not told that they would have to move in 60 or 90 days.

According to a press release, when the leases expire, tenants will be given the option of extending their lease to May 2003, with the guarantee of no rent increase from current rates. Peggy Johnson, a longtime resident of the complex, will serve as a relocation counselor, helping tenants to find new places to live and answering their

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Phillip Griffith/Bullet

Trees and a creek on the property the college is trying to sell.

Land College Is Selling Rezoned, MWC Considers Legal Options

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
News Editor

Fredericksburg City Council has voted to change the zoning from residential to commercial on a 35-acre piece of property that the college is selling to a developer. According to a city planner, changing the zoning would reduce the land's value considerably, and this has created tensions between the college and the city.

While the city, the developer and the college are meeting to negotiate a compromise among the three groups, Mary Washington College has not ruled out bringing a lawsuit against the city.

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley said that the college is considering several options.

"It's unclear what we're going to do right now," Hurley said. "Our options are to do nothing... and the other option is to consider our legal

alternatives. Are there any legal opportunities we can pursue?"

College and city officials, including Mayor Bill Beck, said that they hope this can be solved without going to court.

"I would be really surprised to think that the college would really want to pursue a legal claim against its host city," Beck said.

However, City Planner Erik Nelson, said Mary Washington College would have a strong chance to win a lawsuit against the city.

"Virginia is a very strong property rights state," Nelson said. "If there is a deal pending, and we [the city of Fredericksburg] deliberately screw up the deal, there's grounds for something there."

City officials have opposed the development of most residential apartment buildings within the city. According to Mayor Beck, when the city updated its comprehensive plan three years ago,

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Protest By Alumna At BOV Meeting Avoided

By JULIE STAVITSKI
Scene Editor

A deaf graduate intended to give back her degree at the last Board of Visitors meeting to represent the difficulties she had as a student at the college.

However, after a meeting with members of the BOV and administration, 2001 graduate Tammie Willis said she felt that her concerns and experiences about being a deaf student at the college were seriously listened to for the first time and decided to hang on to her music degree.

"I'm pretty good at seeing if people are blowing smoke up my ass," Willis said. "Once I was able to put my defenses down and we were able to get off of the whole 'he said/she said' thing, they were able to convince me that they were interested in creating an environment where a mutual understanding can occur. Giving my degree back would have been two steps backward."

Willis, a resident director with the office of Residence Life and Housing, met with the BOV Rector Vincent DiBenedetto, Jennifer Whyte, chair of the Student Affairs committee and JoAnn Schraas, associate dean of Academic Services on Saturday, Nov. 17. During that meeting, the group discussed ways Willis' experiences could be used to make the college more accessible to disabled persons on campus.

DiBenedetto agreed that the meeting was a positive experience for all parties involved.

"[Willis] was not so much focused on the past, but on how we can address her concerns with present and future students. She was most helpful in explaining things to me and I think we are on track to making sure MWC will be an ADA[Americans With Disabilities Act]-friendly environment," DiBenedetto

said.

Willis sent a letter to the SGA, Student Senate and the Board of Visitors in August with a ten-page attachment outlining her experiences at Mary Washington College as a deaf student with the Office of Disability Services, the English and Music departments, and the administration of the college. She also attached a page with suggestions on how to facilitate change within the college community, which included developing training to educate members of the college community about ADA and accessing diversity training for faculty and administrators.

While the SGA began a grievance drive in September to collect the personal experiences of students who have dealt with Disability Services in response to the letter, Willis never received a response from the BOV.

"Ka [Shim, SGA president,] said that there was confusion over whether or not I wanted a response," said Willis. "Given the nature of the letter, I assumed the BOV would respond."

Willis cited over 20 examples of discrimination and shortcomings within these departments in her letter, including remarks she perceived as insulting from various faculty members.

"Shortly before the performance of the composition I wrote as part of my first independent study, a professor suggested I consider a career writing music for pornographic films because no one ever listens to the music so they won't care what it sounds like. That professor never attended the performance of any of my compositions," she wrote.

Willis also met with President Anderson

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Police Beat

By CAROLYN MURRAY
Assistant News Editor



Nov. 15—A Huffy mountain bike, with an estimated value of \$150, was reported stolen from the New Hall bike rack. The bike was locked, and believed to have been taken sometime between 11:30 p.m. Nov. 14 and 12:30 a.m. Nov. 15. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 15—An incident of petit larceny occurred when a bicycle was stolen between Nov. 14 and 15 outside of Virginia Hall. The bike, worth \$119, was left unlocked. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 15—Two incidents of petit larceny were reported. Both took place in the Woodard Student Center at approximately 11 p.m. Police said the first loss occurred Oct. 8, when \$110 in cash was stolen from a purse. An additional \$12 was taken Nov. 15. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 17—At 1:18 a.m., the fire alarm in Russell Hall was maliciously activated, according to police. The alarm on the fourth floor was pulled,

but there were not any people in the area, nor was there a fire. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 21—A Resident Assistant confiscated three 12-ounce Bud Light bottles in a room in Willard during the closing procedure check for Thanksgiving break. All three residents of the room are underage. The case was referred to the administration.

Nov. 21—A 21-speed Yakon bicycle, valued at \$200, was reported stolen from the Jepson bike rack. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 26—Sometime between Nov. 20 and 26, a box of Stove Top stuffing was taken from the Commuting Student Association canned food drive collection in Woodard Student Center, police said. The other items in the box were left alone. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 27—At 11:58 p.m., a student reported a \$25 Giant mountain bike as stolen. It was taken from the bike rack outside of Woodard Student Center. The case is under investigation.

Zoning Dispute Arises

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all such zoning was changed except for the property the college owned. City officials said this was because they thought the college was going to build more student housing, and they kept it as high density residential zoning as a favor to the college, even though the college as a state institution did not need to comply with Fredericksburg's zoning.

When city officials heard the college was selling the land to a developer, they voted 4-2 on Tuesday, Nov. 13 to change the zoning to prevent the construction of more apartment buildings. College administrators say this decision surprised them.

"I wish that they had told us they were concerned about zoning before this," Vice President Hurley said.

According to college officials, the disputed property is appraised at \$3 million with the residential zoning, and the highest bid was \$3.5 million from Bob O'Neill, a Fredericksburg developer.

O'Neill said that he wants to build 550 apartments on the property, the maximum allowed by the high residential zoning.

However, O'Neill said that his firm would not be interested in buying the property if it was rezoned.

According to city officials, the problem is essentially financial. If the property were sold and developed into apartments, taxes on the property would not provide enough revenue to provide services such as police, fire and especially schooling for residents.

"They don't come anywhere close to supporting themselves on the taxes we can generate from

them," Beck said. "You can't run a city on that."

The other piece of land the college is selling is zoned for houses, not apartments, and because of this, City Council members have no problem with the sale of that property.

Despite this disagreement, city officials, college officials and the developer all said they feel a compromise can be reached.

"We outlined a potential scenario where all three parties would give up a little something and all three parties would come out OK," Beck said.

Developer O'Neill agreed.

"I think we should be able to work something out that would satisfy all three parties," O'Neill said.

According to Beck, one option includes the city buying some of the property and adding it to Alum Springs Park.

The Board of Visitors voted to sell the disputed property along with another 44-acre piece during their September meeting. The pieces are adjacent to Route 1 and near the Fredericksburg Armory. The college has owned the land since 1946 when it was purchased by the University of Virginia. Bids on the two properties reached \$4.6 million, and the college would use the money toward various campus building projects.

The City Planning Commission will meet and discuss changing the zoning, and at the Dec. 11 meeting of City Council, the city will vote again on whether to approve the zoning change. On Thursday, college and city officials and the developer will meet again to discuss a possible compromise.

Opinions On Apartments

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questions.

According to Monroe, many of the residents have adult children in the area who can help them move.

"I'm not looking forward to moving again, but I'm not as unfortunate as some people because I have a lot of family [in the area]," said another resident who also asked that she not be named.

"It was a little unsettling. I think we all felt that way," she said. "At our age, we are just sort of settling in. I feel like we don't need change."

Hurley said that he could understand how the residents feel.

"My first response is that my heart goes out to them," Hurley said. "I certainly understand and appreciate how this disrupts their lives."

Hurley added that the college has been doing all it can to make the transition easier on the residents.

On Monday night, the college held a meeting with the tenants to give them information and answer any questions they had.

"[The meeting] went as well as could be expected," Hurley said. "There was a lot of anger vented, a lot of good questions asked."

Hurley said that he tried to give the residents the good news, such as the fact that there will be no penalties for breaking leases. Some residents, he said, were concerned about students moving in right away and being disruptive. Hurley said that while it is possible that they will start renting to students as early as Fall 2002 to help pay the bills, they would prefer to wait until all their residents have moved out so that their quality of life will not be disrupted.

Most students said that the purchase will provide a much-needed solution to a housing shortage.

"I think [living in the apartments] might help alleviate the housing process...especially because of the proximity to the college," senior Elizabeth Collins said. "Obviously, you could just walk to campus."

Junior Michael Lange had many friends who had to move into apartments this year because of the housing situation, and thinks that the purchase of

Marye's Heights will help alleviate the situation in the future.

"I think it was a wise expenditure of the college's money," Lange said.

Some students said they wondered why the college had not made such a purchase a long time ago.

"I think [the purchase] is great, but they should have done it years ago, because by the time they do it'll be gone," said junior Tina Timpano, who also said that she would choose to live in the apartments if she had the chance.

Many younger students expressed interest in living at Marye's Heights in a few years so that they wouldn't have to deal with looking for an apartment elsewhere off-campus.

"The good thing about [Marye's Heights] is it's so close," sophomore April Gross said. "My friends and I talked about moving [off campus], but everything's taken."

Sophomore Ethan Ripperder would also consider moving into an apartment in Marye's Heights, and liked how he would have the advantages of both on- and off-campus housing.

"It's good because it's off-campus, and you have more privacy," Ripperder said. "Also, since it's owned by the school, you'd get more benefits, like internet access."

In the press release, Hurley, who is also treasurer of the Real Estate Foundation, said that students who live in Marye's Heights will have 24-hour access to campus-based computer networks, just like on-campus students. Many other colleges have already realized the advantages of school-owned apartment complexes.

"A lot of colleges purchase apartment complexes," sophomore Mark Shabman said. "I have friends who live in ones at UVa. I would prefer [living in a school-owned apartment complex] than living on campus."

Hurley said that the college hasn't worked out how students will be able to choose to live in the apartments, which will cost about \$300-\$350 more than a dorm room per semester. The college will probably give preference to upperclassmen.



Compiled by Caroline S. Wallinger

Roman Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Converts

According to Reuters News Service, the Italian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia has officially converted to Islam. Torquato Cardilli is the second person in his position to convert to Islam in seven years, and announced his decision on Saturday, his 59th birthday. Cardilli studied oriental culture and languages at the University of Naples, and has worked in the Muslim world for much of his 33 year career in diplomacy. He has worked in Sudan, Libya, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia as well as Albania and Tanzania. The Saudi embassy in Rome told Reuters that it planned to issue a statement soon, and a spokeswoman confirmed that there was no record of a Saudi Ambassador to Italy ever converting to Catholicism.

Shanghai Bans Laundry in the Streets

City officials in Shanghai announced that as of April 1 they will work to ban all residents from hanging their laundry out to dry over city streets, Reuters News Service reports. Claiming that the laundry detracts from the city's image as a financial and international center, officials will hike fines for laundry hanging in the city, which already bans the practice on many main roads. Many Shanghai residents are upset about the new rule. 28-year-old worker Yang Huailei said of the practice, "Of course we have to hang our laundry out in the streets to dry -- where else can we get enough sunlight?"

Bin Laden Family Seeks Advice

The Saudi based Bin Laden group, a business group owned by family of Osama bin Laden, has asked British public relations firms for advice on how to improve its image and disassociate itself with the family terrorist, Reuters reports. Although the bin Laden family disowned Osama many years ago after he lost his citizenship to Saudi Arabia, the group has suffered consequences of the attacks on Sept. 11, which Osama bin Laden allegedly organized. Bin Laden Group is a \$5 million organization that builds roads, airports and hotels and also plays a role in media and manufacturing, Reuters reports. One possible aid in its cause would be to change the company name, a suggestion already voiced by one of the London PR firms.

Light Cigarettes Carry Heavy Risk

The National Cancer Institute announced Tuesday that low tar cigarettes probably do not lower the risk of cancer in smokers, the Associated Press reports. The study indicated that people who switch to light cigarettes smoke more often and inhale more deeply in order to get the same amount of nicotine from the cigarettes. Dr. David Burns, leader of the study told the AP that the new study overshadowed a 1981 suggestion on the part of the Surgeon General that smokers who can't quit should switch to light cigarettes. "The results of the review are clear. There is no convincing evidence the changes in cigarette design over the last 50 years have reduced the disease burden produced by cigarettes," Burns said.

Students To Move In Aug., 2003

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they are currently paying. In August of the same year, upper class students will be given priority to move into the complex.

"Our preference is to rent to nonstudents during this transition period in order to preserve the life of the people who are still living there," said Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer and treasurer of the Foundation. "We hope that students who do want to live off campus will migrate to the facility so that they can get the experience of living off campus but still be close."

The apartment complex is currently home to mostly elderly people and has never been a major attraction for college students that move off campus. Instead most students choose to live in the Greenbrier or Snowden apartment complexes, both further away from campus.

"The location is so ideal right between the athletic fields, the campus and the president's house," said Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the president. "This is going to attract back to campus the students living off campus."

Many of the current residents of the Marye's Heights Complex said that they are displeased with the purchase. Mary Washington College Alumna Peggy Johnson is a current resident of the complex and has agreed to serve as a relocation counselor for the tenants. Johnson, 53, said that overall she is

unhappy with the decision.

"I planned on retiring here and staying here but now I have to go somewhere else," she said.

Corbin said she feels sympathy for the people but feels that it will not be hard for them to acquire housing elsewhere.

"I know a lot of them personally and I am sympathetic for them because it is a tight knit group, but I have no doubt that they will find satisfactory places to live," Corbin said. "There are plenty of other places to live in the area and I think the college has been very sympathetic in helping them by giving them the 18 month period."

Nikki Booker, who has managed the complex for the past three and a half years, declined to comment on the issue.

According to the college officials, the acquisition of the new property will not cause an increase in enrollment, which has remained capped at 4,000 for the past 15 years. The college conducted an internet survey last spring and found that as many as 400 of the previous commuting students said they would like to live in apartment-style housing on campus or located nearby.

"When people move off campus they are looking for privacy and independence and that is the one thing that we will be able to offer through Marye's Heights," said Chris Porter, director of Residence Life and Housing.

Students who live in the complex will enjoy the proximity to campus, and they will receive special stickers that permit them to park in the complex's lot. The apartments will cost around \$300 more than living on campus, but the students will not have to worry about the responsibility of paying bills each month. According to Hurley, the complex will provide 100 single rooms and large doubles for 250 students. Each apartment consists of one single room and one double room. At this point Porter is unsure of how the residential life process will be set up in the complex.

"There will be staff over there but exactly what configuration will be over there we are not sure of yet," Porter said. "We will look at what other schools have done but we will figure out what will work best for MWC."

Other schools in the state that already offer apartment style housing are, Christopher Newport University, the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University. Jane Firer, the complex manager of the VCU owned West Broad apartment complex, said that the apt. style housing works well with students.

"Ever since we opened these apartments on July 1, we have heard nothing but positive feedback from the students," Firer said. "The students like it a lot and in general we are at full occupancy so that we have to have a waiting list... that says something."

What You Talkin' 'Bout, Willis?

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to discuss her problems. She said that she suggested that she double major in higher learning and music and work for Disability Services, come back in 10 years and make peace with her professor, or he could try to find a doctor to fix her hearing.

"I don't think he knew what I wanted or how to offer it to me," Willis said.

Anderson was not available for comment. Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the President, confirmed that Anderson and Willis did meet to discuss her concerns.

Willis said that she and Schrauss discussed some changes going on within Disability Services.

"She explained that there had been internal changes going on over the last

few months," Willis said.

Stephanie Smith, who took over as head of Disability Services at the end of July, said that they've been looking at various ways to improve the services offered at the college.

"We get input from the ADA advisory committee, which is made up of students, faculty, alumni and members of the community," she said. "The last time they met they said that they wanted to look into a survey to see what was needed here."

Smith said that if the office conducted the survey, they would get direct feedback from students with disabilities.

Willis stressed that her aim in bringing these adversities to light is not retribution against the college.

"I'm not going to sue the school," Willis said. "No one learns from punishment... I needed some sort of meaning to be given to these experiences and that could only happen through changes that needed to occur through Disability Services."

Willis said that she wants to ensure that change occurs so other students that must deal with Disability Services don't have negative experiences similar to hers.

"I don't think anyone realizes how much their words have hurt, whether they intended it or not," she said. "This is a reaction to how I feel. The hardest thing to deal with is that I was a good student here, but that's not the label I get. I'm a troublemaker—this is the label I get because I stood up for myself."

Viewpoints

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Editorial

"Money Matters"

Mary Washington College's attempt to sell a piece of land for \$3.5 million to developers would undoubtedly help the college in Virginia's weakening economic climate. However, it would be at the cost of the city of Fredericksburg, which would have to provide services to future residents. The city, understandably, does not want to spend more money in a battered economy.

To prevent spending money on developments, the City Council has started the rezoning process. If this is done, no apartments could be built, and the land's value would diminish. This was backhanded of the city, but the school's decision to sell completely took them by surprise. Also, if as the city says, the college had misled the city by saying the land was going to be used for student housing, then the college's decision to sell was wrong, especially if Fredericksburg had maintained the high residential zoning as a favor to the college so it would not violate the city's comprehensive plan.

Currently, city and college officials are meeting to resolve this problem, which is far more preferable than a possible lawsuit the college is considering.

These meetings between city and college officials should not just occur when serious problems involving money matters arise. Poor communication is to blame with this current dilemma, and city and college officials should meet regularly to improve this.

U.S. Wars Take Human Rights Into Account

MARY WHITE
Guest Columnist

"Food not Bombs" is the brainchild of Jeremy, an earnest young man with a good heart and an abundance of energy. It is an organization that promotes and endorses the peaceful resolution of conflict with feeding the hungry in our community.

Jeremy and I work together, and have a good relationship so I asked him, in the most delicate way possible, what prompted the formation of this organization, all the while anticipating his response. He proceeded to explain to me his fears that we would bomb Afghanistan in a smoking crater, and kill thousands of innocent civilians.

When I asked him about the events of Sept. 11, when thousands of innocent people, civilian and military alike were incinerated in an unprovoked attack on our nation, he looked at me quite sincerely and said, "We were getting exactly what we deserve because of our national policies."

There are not many things that can leave me speechless, but this statement was one of them. Mixed thoughts and emotions—how could he say that? And yet—did he have a point? Is there something about U.S. policy that I don't know, but should?

I put this away and it has been rumbling around in my thought processes since then. Then last week I picked up a copy of *The Bulletin* and saw the guest column by Dan Betti. I am not sure who Gary Sudborough is, and I do not know what article may have prompted Betti's insightful column, but the first question that came to my mind was—Has Sudborough never heard of Neville Chamberlain and the sad demise of his "Policy of Appeasement"?

The sacrifice of the Sudetenland to Hitler in September, 1938 that prompted

Chamberlain to say, "I believe it is peace for our time...peace with honor"? A year later Hitler invaded Poland, and World War II began. Yet we did not enter the war and force our "policies" on other nations until the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

As I sat at my computer in my office, and contemplated exactly what I wanted to say in support of Betti's excellent article, I looked up at a framed poster from my trip to Berlin, Germany in 1998. The poster commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. It depicts the children of Berlin enthusiastically welcoming American aircraft into the city in 1948. Only three short years before, American and British bombers had pounded the city to rubble, allowing advancing Russian forces to capture the German capital and bring an end to the European war. I am sure the children in the photo had quite a different reaction to the overhead drone of American aircraft then.

And I thought to myself, this is what I do know of American policies. That the post-war American government and the American people (along with the British and French) fed, clothed, warmed and sustained the population of Berlin completely by air for a year during their occupation of the city. That in spite of our animosity toward the Nazi government, we could still reach out to the people of Germany in a humanitarian effort.

That American resolve, and the military occupation of West Berlin along with the British and French, kept the Soviet Union at bay and was one of the factors that contributed to the end of the Cold War and of the Soviet regime.

That the American occupation of Japan after the end of the war resulted in great positive changes in Japan, including a rewritten constitution, whereupon power

was vested in the people of Japan. That our policies brought democracy to a country that had existed under absolutism for centuries. That women in Japan were allowed to vote for the first time, and a total of 34 Japanese women won seats in the Diet in the first post-war elections in 1946. That we, as Americans—a mixture of hopefulness and naïveté—want everyone to enjoy the freedoms and privileges we have here.

Every year I hear about the innocent dead of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, and hear those bombings likened to war crimes. But these two horrific events could have been avoided by the Japanese, had they surrendered as the Germans did. Unlike the Sunday morning attack on Pearl Harbor, these attacks were not a surprise—leaflets were dropped in the days preceding the bombings that calling for the unconditional surrender of Japan.

Yes, thousands of innocents died in these bombings, but the dead of Nagasaki and Hiroshima combined do not equal the total of innocent Chinese civilians killed by the Japanese in Nanking alone in the years preceding World War II. Untold Chinese civilians were raped, tortured and murdered in Japanese actions in the years before the bombing on Pearl Harbor. Recent estimates for World War II dead in China are as high as 22 million for that nation alone, and many of these were at the hands of the Japanese. This is not justification for the American bombing Japan—rather it is a simple statement of fact.

We are not a perfect nation—we are an eclectic gathering of many nations, thoughts and beliefs, and we exist in relative harmony when compared to much of the

world. Our government is based on a living and breathing Constitution that I have come to regard as a visionary document framed by truly great men. But the freedoms and rights outlined in our Constitution are not free—freedom does have its price.

Generations of Americans before us have paid in blood for what we enjoy today. Our policies have not always been perfect, but we occupied Japan after the war, rebuilt its government and economy and then turned it back over to the Japanese. We held Berlin after the defeat of Germany, and continued to hold it against the Soviets even after returning West Germany to the German people. We proudly handed back a thriving and intact city in 1992, and ended our military occupation of the former, present, capital of a united Germany.

We led the coalition that liberated Kuwait, and are in the process of freeing Afghanistan from an oppressive and corrupt regime that denied the basics of food and medical care to its own people long before any bombing began. And during all of this, we are attempting to get food and medicine to thousands of Afghan refugees. War is hell, but sometimes it takes both food and bombs to set things right.

I encourage everyone who has managed to get through this to get to know your country. Look at some of the good we have done, instead of criticizing the missteps. Levin Unis has written some excellent fact-based fictionalized accounts of international events that help explain American thinking and policies—EXODUS, ARMAGEDDON, MILA 18 and QB VII come to mind. No, we are not perfect, but in a world that is not perfect, we do the best we can. But that is the beauty of our system—the Jeremys and Marys of the world can peacefully coexist, express our opinions, and carry on in our own way. Our Constitution guarantees that.

Mary White is an MWC alumna of '99.



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Alternative Viewpoints, Have Respect and Manners Not Bullying Eluded Students?

Dear Editor:

Although I am reluctant to carry on a debate ad nauseam in these pages, I am compelled to respond to Mr. Everton's column of Nov. 8.

He makes some very good points about shortcomings in my analysis which were due to the fact that I wanted to keep my remarks within the editorial limits of your paper. Any gaps were due to my interest in brevity. Second, I believe my job as an educator is to get people to think about things in a way that they might not have before.

I do not consider myself to be an ideologue on behalf of either right or left, but genuinely want to expand knowledge and understanding beyond knee-jerk responses and already held biases.

And at the risk of sounding snide, only in American institutions of higher learning today could presenting an alternative viewpoint be interpreted as "bullying". Thank you and your readers for indulging this response.

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Andrew Lovelace

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to only three weeks left in the semester



to the end-of-semester crunch



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to Thanksgiving holiday traffic



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in the stars

Aries - Let your family know that you can take care of yourself. Part of growing up is letting go and establishing independence.

Taurus - Never dismay anyone's efforts. Instead encourage people to show you what they can do.

Gemini - Put some order into your chaotic life. Plan a routine for yourself so you can organize your time. Good planning will help you to get things done.

Cancer - Don't overpower your partner. Allow for the two of you to be in control of things.

Leo - Detach yourself from love for a little while. Take some time to get your things in order. Think things through.

Virgo - Express yourself intellectually. Don't use your emotions to fix a problem. Instead, think logically.

Libra - Step in between two friends who are fighting. Reunite them so all of you can once again get along.

Scorpio - Don't focus on only one color. Wear all colors of the rainbow so you will always appear to be bright and excited about life.

Sagittarius - Your peers will see you as a highly accomplished person. You have created for yourself a great reputation. Now it's up to you to live up to it.

Capricorn - Stay away from commanding too much attention today. Lay low. There is a person out there who wants to see you make a mistake.

Aquarius - You need to exercise some more. Being healthy is very important for your future.

Pisces - You need to be honest with yourself. If something is not going as planned, then you must tell yourself that it is time for a change.

Calligrapher Comes To Campus

By MINBY COMPTON
Staff Writer

Nearly 50 students gathered around a small table in Trinkle Hall, watching in awe as Baomin Ye's hand quickly and deftly painted intricate characters on rice paper. On Wednesday, Nov. 14, Ye came to Mary Washington College for a demonstration on the art of Chinese calligraphy. Many students crowded in out of curiosity or interest in studying calligraphy themselves.

Others came in hopes of getting some personal help from Ye. "I want to learn how to write my boyfriend's name in Chinese characters," junior Allison Halterman said.

Ye has taught in the Language and Literature Department at Fudan University in China for the past ten years. He studied calligraphy for many years under Zhang Jing Fang, who is considered one of the most talented calligraphers in Shanghai.

Ye's wife is Assistant Professor of History Weijing Lu.

"Traditionally, if you're a learned man in China, you must know calligraphy," Lu said. "It is also a part of our cultural heritage."

During the demonstration, Ye read a brief history of Chinese calligraphy, covering both the ancient and modern characters. The ancient characters are made with many curved lines, whereas the modern characters that we see today are made with very straight, rigid lines. He then drew examples of each using a large, wet brush on the board. Over 2500 standard modern characters are used today, with over 60,000 existing.

Ye and Lu showed many slides of



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Chinese calligraphy expert Baomin Ye.

Chinese characters, both ancient and modern.

The highlight of the event was the actual demonstration of Ye's work at the end of the hour. Everyone in attendance packed in at the front of the room for about 15 minutes as Ye worked. He drew figures primarily from Chinese poetry, working extremely quickly and producing four large sheets of calligraphy.

Several students asked if they could have one of the sheets for display in their dorms, but the two professors in attendance were ultimately allowed to keep the beautiful works.

"The intricacy of each character was amazing, especially considering how fast he would write," Junior Emma Takvoryan said.

That sentiment seemed to be the general consensus of all in attendance as they stared in wonder at the remarkable speed with which Ye wrote.

As soon as the demonstration was over, students crowded around Ye to ask various questions. Freshman Than Hvizdos asked Ye for the characters for the name "Brooke." After much conferring with his wife, Ye decided that the word "stream" was the closest he could come up with, and so he gave Hvizdos the characters for that word.

Ye's English was relatively rudimentary, but when asked if he was enjoying his time at Mary Washington College, he responded, "Oh yes! Of course!"

Sweet Dreams Tonight

By KATIE OLIVER
Staff Writer

Ever wonder about the capacities the mind holds when dreaming? Salvador Dali created his paintings from dreams, and claimed that the best dreams happen after dining on sea urchins. While it's highly unlikely that any Mary Washington College student will go to such lengths, there are ways to be a better dreamer, according to Dr. Deirdre Barrett.

Barrett, an assistant professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School and author of "The Committee of Sleep: How Artists, Scientists and Athletes use Dreams for Creative Problem Solving and How You Can Too" and "The Pregnant Man and Other Faces from a Hypnotherapist's Couch," was the guest speaker of the Mary Washington Center for Mentorship on Tuesday, Nov. 13 in Lee Hall Ballroom.

Barrett presented her specialty in

her lecture, "Dreams, Creative Problem Solving and Hypnosis; Investigating the Mysteries of Your Mind" to a student and faculty crowd of about 100 people. Life, Playboy, Self, and other national venues have interviewed Barrett for dream articles.

Senior Will Gunther said he was disappointed that the focus of Barrett's lecture was famous people having dreams, and what their

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Leaving On A Jet Plane

By ERIN GRIMM
Staff Writer

As the passengers for US Airways flight 1418 waited patiently for identification checks before boarding in Charlotte, NC, one female passenger whispered to another, "I'm 60 years old and would you believe this is my very first flight? Funny, I choose a time like this to visit my daughter."

On US Airways flight 419 out of Norfolk,

Va., a man from economy class made an unexpected move to first class.

The woman in seat 4A, wide-eyed, asked the flight attendant if she realizes he has moved. The flight attendant calms the woman and reassures her that he was bumped up to first class to be with his other business associates. The woman relaxed, looked at another passenger across the aisle and said "Well, you never can tell."

Since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, flying as a means of transportation has many Americans feeling apprehensive and worried. At Mary Washington College, students share different

levels of anxiety when it comes to their feelings about boarding an airplane.

"I drove home to Boston for fall break because my parents and I were a little wary of me flying," senior Carolyn Lyons said. "I was in the car longer than I was home, but I guess it was worth it."

New security measures include routine ID checks at ticket counters, security checkpoints and at the gates through checks of carry-on luggage, random body searches and the presence of armed National Guardsmen. Yet, there still lies the question of how secure

the security really is. This question leaves many people skeptical. According to Barbara Wagar, director of Psychological Services, the anxiety a student may feel now about flying may not be a classifiable anxiety disorder, but one that simply stems from a fear of terrorism.

"What I have seen is that a lot of people who had no pre-existing fear of flying are now very reluctant to fly," Wagar said. "This is a different kind of anxiety, one that can't be solved by medication or anything

like that."

Some students admit to apprehension about flying, but they are not letting it consume them.

"I would fly if I had to," freshman Laura Hanks said. "I'd be a little bit nervous, but not so nervous that it would prevent me from getting on the plane."

According to Wagar, there are certain techniques that people can use to try to remain calm as they wait to board an airplane.

"The cognitive side of anxiety, the worry, can be lessened, in a sense, if you talk to yourself," Wagar said. "People's fears are often exaggerated, so say coping statements to yourself to shrink your fear down to a reasonable level."

Junior Jaser El-Habashy found himself in a difficult situation while he was trying to fly to Egypt over fall break.

"They questioned me because I have a Danish passport and it was issued by the Danish embassy," El-Habashy said. "They kept asking me why I was going to Egypt. They searched my carry-on and I told them they shouldn't discriminate just based on my name. They expected me to be intimidated."



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After about 25 minutes they escorted me onto the plane and all the passengers were staring at me because they had seen me being questioned outside. They didn't have a right to keep me from my flight."

Despite his own unique experience, El-Habashy said he is not deterred from flying again.

"I have no problem flying and I don't have a problem getting on a plane again," he said. Wagar emphasizes the need for individuals to have social support during this time when America is facing the fear of terrorism, whether it is in the air or on the ground.

"Talk to friends, write in a journal, express feelings and fears and see if you can make them more manageable," Wagar said. "Provide support to those around you. It is an ambiguous time."

Fast Fact:

80 percent of women and 55 percent of men wash their hands after using a restroom.

Heat On Cheaters

By MELISSA BONGERDING
Staff Writer

Six months after the largest plagiarism scandal in the University of Virginia's history, the UVA Honor Committee is still sorting through 148 honor violations brought last spring.

According to UVA Honor Committee Chair senior Thomas Hall, 122 cases of plagiarism were originally uncovered by physics Professor Louis Bloomfield in April 2001. That number climbed to 148.

"Of those cases, we've completed 76, which of course leaves us with 72 still under investigation," Hall said.

So far, there have been four guilty verdicts at trial, and one not guilty verdict, according to a Nov. 5 UVA press release.

Under UVA's single-sanction honor system, in which the penalty for any violation is expulsion, students found guilty will be expelled from the school, while graduates may have their diplomas revoked. Hall said several students have waived their right to trial by pleading guilty, while others have dropped out or transferred.

"The vast majority [of students] have been cooperative. They just want to prove their innocence or to just move on with their lives by admitting guilt," Hall said.

However, some uncooperative students are delaying the investigations, according to Hall. Those students will not be permitted to register for spring classes until they cooperate.

Another reason for the delays is the overwhelming number of violations uncovered all at once, according to Hall, who said that if he had anticipated the scandal, he would have signed up for fewer credits this semester.

Other UVA students said they never expected such large-scale honor violations at their school.

"Most students were in shock," UVA sophomore Freddie Pe said. "I was in that physics class, and a lot of people were worried, shocked and confused."

Other students said that the school wants to keep the effects of the scandal to a minimum.

"Students were pretty shocked, but they also tried to play it down some," said junior Brandon Almond, Opinion Editor of UVA's student newspaper "The Cavalier Daily." "That's understandable. You don't want your school to look bad."

However, Almond said the UVA Honor Committee is doing a good job considering the number of cases.

According to Pe, if such a scandal could happen at UVA, it could happen anywhere.

"Cheating goes on everywhere, at places where there are strict honor systems and places where there are no systems at all," Pe said.

However, Mary Washington College's Honor Council president and senior Andrew Painter said that nothing about the college's honor system will change as a result of the wide-spread violations at UVA.

"What happened there was unprecedented," Painter said.

Unlike UVA's single-sanction honor system, Mary Washington College operates on a multiple-sanction system, meaning first-time offenders are not typically expelled for violations like plagiarism, according to Painter.

"We give [offenders] a chance to reform and to rejoin

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Students Said Lecturer Disappointed Them

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dreams solved for them. Gunther went to the lecture to find out more about hypnosis.

"Her lecture didn't cover hypnosis or even any real detail about what dreams meant," Gunther said. "The flyer on campus said that she would."

More than half of her audience left before the end of the lecture, many because the presentation did not cover the topics that the audience expected.

The Center for Mentorship paid \$3,750 for Barrett's lecture. Matt Mejia, director of the Center for Mentorship, believed this was a great price for a speaker who has such an extensive background in the area of dreams and hypnosis.

"[Dreams and hypnosis], of course, was what we wanted," Mejia said. "What we got was a strictly academic litany from her new book 'How Scientists, Artists, and

Athletes Use Their Dreams for Creative Problem Solving—And How You Can, Too', and she was a little thin on the 'How You Can Too' part."

Beginning with a slide show presentation of artists who have been affected by their dreams, Barrett, the editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Dreaming, said that dreams influence all aspects of ourselves that are not conscious.

"Dreams can be the vehicle for many different parts of ourselves that are not in the forefront, awake, that have their say," Barrett said.

Barrett revealed that it is during the state of sleep known as the hypnagogic state that problem solving is at its best. The hypnagogic state is the point at which someone is just falling asleep, and occasionally just as he or she is waking up. There is a period of vivid hallucinatory imagery that is usually not as long and involved in its narrative as the deeper sleep.

Barrett, who has been dream and hypnosis commentator on stations such as NBC and The Discovery Channel, says that visual arts is the most common place for dream inspiration to take place. She reminded the crowd that dreams do not have to be very unusual to produce an artist's painting.

Spotsylvania resident Eric Kruzinski said he was disappointed with Barrett's presentation because it did not give a wide range of topics.

"The flyers around the campus made it seem like Dr. Barrett would be addressing more areas within her specialty, not just a history lesson on famous people who dream," Kruzinski said.

Mejia said that the school also expected Barrett to cover topics closer to her expertise.

"The topic of dream interpretation is a fascinating one, and Dr. Barrett is arguably the leading expert on the topic," Mejia said. "Her resume made the choice an easy

one. Every once in a while though, a speaker does not live up to the billing...this goes with the territory of inviting speakers to campus."

During the question and answer period, Barrett quickly addressed the questions on hypnosis and the meaning of dreams. She provided some simple guidelines on how to problem solve in dreams: first, write down the problem on a sheet of paper. Right before you go to bed, review the problem for five minutes. Once you are in bed, visualize the problem. Visualize having a dream about solving the problem, and as soon as you wake up, write down the solution.

A few other helpful hints Barrett offers are to arrange stimulus by your bedside if you are not good with imagery. Also, keep a pad and pen by your bed so you'll have something with which to recall your dream.

"When you wake up, lie still, focus on any hint of the dream," Barrett said.

UVa Not As Smart As It Thinks It Is

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the community," Painter said. "It's not a perfect system, but it's the best one out there. Honor Council, not administration, has the power to suspend and expel students."

UVa's Honor Committee handles between 60 to 100 cases in a typical year, according to Hall. The number of honor violations at Mary Washington College fluctuates from five to 30 per year, according to Honor Council vice president and junior Lindsay Moorhead.

"I wouldn't expect what happened [at UVa] to happen here," Moorhead said. "But I don't think the people at UVa expected it to happen there either."

Plagiarism is the most common honor violation at Mary Washington College. Cheating is second and stealing third, according to Painter, who said most plagiarism cases are uncovered when a student tips off a professor, who then reports the violation to the Honor Council.

"It hasn't even seen a case where students reported plagiarism," Painter said. He said students might feel hesitant to directly accuse their peers.

A similar student tip led UVa physics professor Louis Bloomfield to search 1,500 term papers from a 5-year span for plagiarism, according to an Oct. 3 article by Amy Argetsinger in The Washington Post. Bloomfield created a computer program to search for strings of like words and found multiple

submissions, successful papers from previous semesters resubmitted by different students, as well as plagiarism and false citations.

Technology-related violations are on the rise at UVa, according to Hall.

"Over the past ten years, we've seen less direct cheating, like looking over your shoulder cheating, and more internet-related cheating," Hall said.

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Phillip Hall, Mary Washington College

subscribed last February, before the UVa scandal, to a plagiarism detection site called turnitin.com. Hall said the Honor Council recommended the site, which costs \$100 a year to maintain.

Professors can submit suspicious papers to turnitin.com, which will then scan for plagiarism. According to Phillip only two papers were submitted to the site. Neither paper contained plagiarism.

Ernest Ackermann, professor of Computer Science, knows of several similar plagiarism detection programs, but said that he would not consider using them for his classes.

"Sure, there are tools that you can use to check on [plagiarism], but why are you going to be doing all that checking?" Ackermann said.

Although Ackermann teaches several writing intensive courses, he has never encountered plagiarism. He does, however, encourage his students to cite all their sources, especially sources from the internet.

**"It's not a perfect system, but
it's the best one out there."
Andy Painter**

Hall said he feels confident in the MWC honor system and would not consider a proposal from turnitin.com to scan every student paper for plagiarism.

"What the company [turnitin.com] wants to have happen, which is something I'm not too enthusiastic about...is to have every paper that's written by anybody [at MWC] submitted to confirm that everything's okay—hundreds of papers—so that everybody would be suspected from the outset," Hall said.

"Or I guess they would say it's a preventative measure."

Hall said such a proposal would be counter to the Mary Washington College honor system.

According to the UVa Honor Committee Chair, the best preventative measure is to listen to the student grapevine. Hall said he would advise Mary Washington College's Honor Council, or any student honor council facing a situation like UVa's to listen to what students are saying, but also to reserve judgement during investigations.

Hall hopes to finish the remaining 72 investigations by winter break and the trials by spring of next year. He remains confident in UVa's 160-year-old honor system.

"I think it's nice to see a school that takes cheating seriously," Hall said. Painter also said he remains confident in Mary Washington College's honor system, but said that responsibility lies with the students themselves. According to Painter, students should think long and hard before committing an honor violation.

"Cheating goes on. Cheating, stealing, plagiarism goes on. That's how it is," Painter said. "The bottom line: Don't do it."

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Women's Swimming

Nov. 30: Franklin & Marshall Invitational

Men's Swimming

Nov. 30: Franklin & Marshall Invitational

Men's Basketball

Dec. 01: vs Methodist College 2:00pm

Dec. 05: vs Salisbury University 8:00pm

Women's Basketball

Dec. 01: vs Chowan College 4:00pm

Dec. 04: at Washington & Lee U. 7:00pm

Track & Field

Dec. 02: Christopher Newport Invitational

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coach of the week

Kurt Glaeser

The women's soccer coach was named Coach of the Year for the NSCAA Mid-Atlantic Region.

Gophers Bury Eagles, 64-56

By STOCKTON BANFIELD
Staff Writer

With 3:27 left to play in the game, Lafayette Melton of Goucher College hit a three-point shot to put the Gophers up 55-50 and seal the fate of the Mary Washington College men's basketball team. Melton came off the bench scoring 13 of his 16 points in the second half and sparked the Gophers to a 64-56 victory over the Eagles last night in Goolrick Hall. Melton and 12 other Gophers shot 31 percent for the game, but played such tough defense that MWC was unable to take advantage of such a low shooting percentage.

"I really stress defense," Goucher head coach Leonard Trevino said. "Seventy percent of our practice focus on defense. If you don't play defense at this school, you don't play. The scorers on our team learn quickly that if they want to score they better learn to defend too."

Mens' Basketball Coach Rod Wood is well aware of the defensive pressure that Goucher plays with. He said that his players do not face that kind of intensity in practice and when they show up for games they are not prepared for the level at which they must perform. He also said that his players lack that kind of intensity when they play defense for reasons that he cannot explain.

"Believe me, I want them to play with intensity," Wood said. "I beg them to play with intensity, I don't know why they won't. It's frustrating."

Wood also credited his teams lack of intensity to why they were unable to make shots when they got the ball in the paint. The game statistics show that MWC was unable to convert on the many opportunities they had around the basket. The Eagles only made seven shots inside the paint compared to Goucher's 15.

However the problem with this game was not MWC's inability to score, but their inability to stop the other team from scoring. At the half MWC was up 26-21 but junior Dan Dupras, who played 31 out of the 40 minutes, credited lapses in the team's defense to why Goucher was able to outscore MWC 43-30 in the second half.

"In the second half we sucked at defense," said Dupras. "We made bad decisions because we are physically tired."

Goucher coach Trevino credited fatigue to why his players were able to take the lead in the second half. He said that he was able to play more people than Wood and when it came down to the end his players were still fresh. He said that the 12-6 run the Goucher players made at the end clearly illustrates this.

Wood is aware that he only plays a certain number of players. According to the game statistics all five of his starters played in over half the game and sophomore shooting guard Erik Rodriguez played in 38 of the 40 minutes. He said that coming into the season

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Brett Lively shoots for two.

Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Meet The Player: Justin Snyder

Swimmer Proves He's More Than Just Good Enough

By OSASU AIRHVAVERE
Sports Editor

At any given Mary Washington College swim meet, spectators and teammates of sophomore swimmer Justin Snyder can catch him preparing for each event by getting a dose of rap music. Snyder said that besides warming up, an important part of his pre-game ritual is listening to music by his favorite rappers, Missy Elliot and the late Notorious B.I.G. right before he swims.

"I think everybody on the team knows that I really like rap music a lot," Snyder said. "I'm always putting on warm-up CDs and stuff like that. It gets me pumped up."

Last swimming season, not only did the broad-shouldered, 6 foot MWC swimmer advance to the Nationals meet to place 14th in the 100-butterfly, but he also broke the record for that event with a time of 50.73 and beat the record for the 100-freestyle, swimming a time of 47.53.

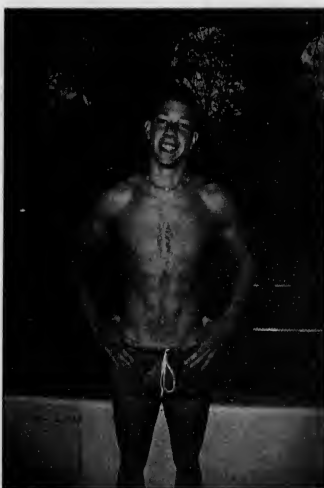
This season, the light-brown haired All-American swimmer hopes to lead the undefeated 6-0 Eagles in winning their second consecutive Capital Athletic Conference Championship title and hopefully advancing to the National meet.

"Being All-American puts me in a really elite category," Snyder said. "I really worked hard for it and I really had to see the goal a long way away. I have always wanted to be an All-American, even through high school. It's a really great honor."

Snyder attributes a large part of his success to his teammates' encouragement.

"I couldn't have done anything without them and I couldn't have achieved a lot of my goals if they weren't in the water pushing me," Snyder said. "I really draw a lot of my strength from their characters and I think they are the most influential people in my life."

Sophomore swimmer Jason Lancaster said that



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Sophomore Justin Snyder hopes to lead the Eagles to the National Championship meet.

Snyder is a team player.

"He is an awesome athlete and a great swimmer," Lancaster said. "He's always there for the team, cheering everyone on."

Junior teammate Steve Coughlin agreed with Lancaster. "Justin is a good athlete, a very fast swimmer and he works really hard at practice," Coughlin said. "He

contributes greatly to the team in terms of swimming and he contributes outside the pool as a team leader."

Women's swim team member, Priscilla Tomescu said that Snyder's enthusiasm about swimming contributes to the unity of the team.

"He's an awesome teammate to have because you can tell how positive and how much he loves swimming and the team," Tomescu said. "He's not cocky [and doesn't] alienate people. I see him a lot of times just start up conversations with the other people on the team, whether he really knows them or not or whether they're in the same lane or not. He makes an effort to get to know them as more than teammates, and that in itself is the mark of a good teammate."

Snyder, an only child who has been swimming for 10 years, attended Lake Braddock High School in Burke, Va., where he won Most Valuable Player his senior year. He said that one of the most difficult decisions he had to make was trying to figure out what college or university to attend.

"One of the hardest decisions of my life was deciding if I wanted academics over swimming, because I could have gone to a lot of Division I schools and some of the academics wouldn't have been as high up," Snyder, a Business major, said. "I had a bunch of Division I schools offer me some money to swim but I turned them down because I really like this school and I like the academics. I'm so glad that I came here. I never regret my decision."

Snyder said swimming for a Division III School bothered him a little bit at first, but not anymore.

"When I see the competition level of Division III, I think a lot of people get the [misconception] that Division III means that it's not as good," Snyder said. "I think there are great athletes everywhere. There are plenty of guys that can kill me in the water and I think that's great because if I was at the top I don't think I'd achieve as much but I'm really excited about my decision for Division III."

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scores

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Nov. 16: Goucher College W 125-60
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Gophers Bury Eagles, 64-56

By STOCKTON BANFIELD
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With 3:27 left to play in the game, Lafayette Melton of Goucher College hit a three-point shot to put the Gophers up 55-50 and seal the fate of the Mary Washington College men's basketball team. Melton came off the bench scoring 13 of his 16 points in the second half and sparked the Gophers to a 64-56 victory over the Eagles last night in Goolrick Hall. Melton and 12 other Gophers shot 31 percent for the game, but played such tough defense that MWC was unable to take advantage of such a low shooting percentage.

"I really stress defense," Goucher head coach Leonard Trevino said. "Seventy percent of our practice focus on defense. If you don't play defense at this school, you don't play. The scorers on our team learn quickly that if they want to score they better learn to defend too."

Mens' Basketball Coach Rod Wood is well aware of the defensive pressure that Goucher plays with. He said that his players do not face that kind of intensity in practice and when they show up for games they are not prepared for the level at which they must perform. He also said that his players lack that kind of intensity when they play defense for reasons that he cannot explain.

"Believe me, I want them to play with intensity," Wood said. "I beg them to play with intensity, I don't know why they won't. It's frustrating."

Wood also credited his teams lack of intensity to why they were unable to make shots when they got the ball in the paint. The game statistics show that MWC was unable to convert on the many opportunities they had around the basket. The Eagles only made seven shots inside the paint compared to Goucher's 15.

However the problem with this game was not MWC's inability to score, but their inability to stop the other team from scoring. At the half MWC was up 26-21 but junior Dan Dupras, who played 31 out of the 40 minutes, credited lapses in the team's defense to why Goucher was able to outscore MWC 43-30 in the second half.

"In the second half we sucked at defense," said Dupras. "We made bad decisions because we are physically tired."

Goucher coach Trevino credited fatigue to why his players were able to take the lead in the second half. He said that he was able to play more people than Wood and when it came down to the end his players were still fresh. He said that the 12-6 run the Goucher players made at the end clearly illustrates this.

Wood is aware that he only plays a certain number of players. According to the game statistics all five of his starters played in over half the game and sophomore shooting guard Erik Rodriguez played in 38 of the 40 minutes. He said that coming into the season



Brett Lively shoots for two.

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Meet The Player: Justin Snyder

Swimmer Proves He's More Than Just Good Enough

By OSASU AIRHIAVBERE
Sports Editor

At any given Mary Washington College swim meet, spectators and teammates of sophomore swimmer Justin Snyder can catch him preparing for each event by getting a dose of rap music. Snyder said that besides warming up, an important part of his pre-game ritual is listening to music by his favorite rappers, Missy Elliott and the late Notorious B.I.G. right before he swims.

"I think everybody on the team knows that I really like rap music a lot," Snyder said. "I'm always putting on warm-up CDs and stuff like that. It gets me pumped up."

Last swimming season, not only did the broad-shouldered, 6 foot MWC swimmer advance to the Nationals meet to place 14th in the 100-butterfly, but he also broke the record for that event with a time of 50.73 and beat the record for the 100-freestyle, swimming a time of 47.53.

This season, the light-brown haired All-American swimmer hopes to lead the undefeated 6-0 Eagles in winning their second consecutive Capital Athletic Conference Championship title and hopefully advancing to the National meet.

"[Being All-American] puts me in a really elite category," Snyder said. "I really worked hard for it and I really had to see the goal a long way away. I have always wanted to be an All-American, even through high school. It's a really great honor."

Snyder attributes a large part of his success to his teammates' encouragement.

"I couldn't have done anything without them and I couldn't have achieved a lot of my goals if they weren't in the water pushing me," Snyder said. "I really draw a lot of my strength from their characters and I think they are the most influential people in my life."

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Snyder is a team player.

"He is an awesome athlete and a great swimmer," Lancaster said. "He's always there for the team, cheering everyone on."

Junior teammate Steve Coughlin agreed with Lancaster. "Justin is a good athlete, a very fast swimmer and he works really hard at practice," Coughlin said. "He

contributes greatly to the team in terms of swimming and he contributes outside the pool as a team leader."

Women's swim team member, Priscilla Tomescu said that Snyder's enthusiasm about swimming contributes to the unity of the team.

"He's an awesome teammate to have because you can tell how positive and how much he loves swimming and the team," Tomescu said. "He's not cocky [and doesn't] alienate people. I see him a lot of times just start up conversations with the other people on the team, whether he really knows them or not or whether they're in the same lane or not. He makes an effort to get to know them as more than teammates, and that in itself is the mark of a good teammate."

Snyder, an only child who has been swimming for 10 years, attended Lake Braddock High School in Burke, Va., where he won Most Valuable Player his senior year. He said that one of the most difficult decisions he had to make was trying to figure out what college or university to attend.

"One of the hardest decisions of my life was deciding if I wanted academics over swimming, because I could have gone to a lot of Division I schools and some of the academics wouldn't have been as high up," Snyder, a Business major, said. "I had a bunch of Division I schools offer me some money to swim but I turned them down because I really like this school and I like the academics. I'm so glad that I came here. I never regret my decision."

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top ten movies

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- 4) Black Knight
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- 6) Out Cold
- 7) Domestic Disturbance
- 8) Heist
- 9) Life as a House
- 10) The One

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starring Owen Wilson.
Rated PG-13

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Quote of the Week:

"I don't think there's anything worse than being ordinary."

— "American Beauty"

FAST FACT:

The first non-human to win an Oscar was Mickey Mouse.

Young Wizard Delights Audiences

Special Effects, Acting Contribute To Harry Potter's Success

By MARY SCHMOTZER
Special to The Bulletin

The book, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone" is wildly popular. And controversial, as many elementary schools have outlawed it because of its witchcraft themes. The movie was promoted for weeks before its opening. All sorts of Harry Potter merchandise is available. It seems all of corporate America is jumping on the wizardry bandwagon.

And now that the movie is open, kids and adults alike have rushed to "live the magic." The young wizard has even broken opening weekend records, beating out "Jurassic Park: The Lost World" and "Star Wars: Episode I-Phantom Menace" for highest-grossing movie.

Yes, I joined in the excitement and ran out to see "Harry Potter" the day it opened. I had just finished the book and was anxious to see the fantastical images created by J. K. Rowling played out on the screen.

Overall, I fell in love with the movie, despite the fact that my roommate kept nudging me and whispering, "That's not how it happened in the book!" Although she has a point, if they'd followed the book exactly, we'd have been there for four hours instead of the already long two and a half hours. I'm guessing that the purists were indeed upset about the missing elements, but it didn't take away from the movie.

Being about wizardry, the movie is a special effects marvel. While reading the book I was continuously wondering how invisibility, a mysterious train platform, and a game of Quidditch complete with flying broomsticks would be handled. We do live in an age of incredible technology, but while lost in the world of Harry Potter, how would that cross my mind?

The movie is carried by its three young stars, all of whom portrayed their characters with grace and skill. Daniel Radcliffe, starring as Harry Potter himself, provided just enough naïveté to the character, as well as portraying Harry just as my imagination had conjured him.

Red-headed Rupert Grint played Ron Weasley, and was simply down-right adorable. A British version of Ron Howard's Ogie, Grint will go far in his career.

Emma Watson is the last of the young

stars, playing Hermione Granger, the third musketeer to Ron and Harry. Watson lends just the right combination of sophistication and innocence to her know-it-all character.

In my mind there are two stand-out actors in the supporting cast: Alan Rickman (Professor Snape) and Robbie Coltrane (Hagrid). Rickman, whose past movies include "Dogma," "Sense and Sensibility," and "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," gives the perfect look and manner to Harry's supposed antagonist. According to, my roommate, Rickman was made for the role, and I must agree. Coltrane's Hagrid is intimidating, yet lovable, smart, yet not always the brightest wizard on the block. He is completely believable and really draws you into his emotions. Some of his other credits include "Goldeneye," "The World Is Not Enough," and the recent "From Hell."

Other notables are Richard Harris as Albus Dumbledore, Tom Felton as Draco Malfoy, and Maggie Smith as Professor McGonagall. And of course there are some interesting non-human cast members: less than appealing goblins, downright disgusting trolls, the cowardly dog Fang, the fierce three-headed dog Fluffy (ironic choice of names), the castle ghosts, and the oh-so cute dragon Norbert. The animal highlight is indeed the owls.

The sets and costumes are beautiful, and the

soundtrack is elegant, yet haunting. The direction is marvelous, and as far as I've heard, Rowling supervised the entire production of the all British cast and crew.

Junior Erin Merrill, who has been a long time fan of Harry Potter, commented on the accuracy of the movie.

"The fact that J. K. Rowling was an advisor

to the movie showed that they were willing to make it as accurate as possible and I appreciated that," she said.

Merrill also described her long wait for the movie.

"I have been waiting to see this movie for over a year. I even had the countdown on my computer ticking away to zero. Despite negative reviews of a long movie, I never found my attention wavering in the two and a half hours I spent at the theatre," Merrill said.

Senior Andrew Kohr had similar sentiments.

"I thought it was an excellent adaptation of a timeless classic," he said, convinced it will inevitably become a classic someday.

It seems obvious that young Harry Potter is fast on the road to becoming a global icon, not only for children, but for older fans as well. Production has already started on the second movie, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets." If the popularity continues, there are sure to be as many movies as books, seven all together. The movie's stars are in it for the long haul, hopefully filming most sequels before Radcliffe, Grint and Watson grow up.

Although reading the book first makes the experience more understandable, it is definitely not necessary to enjoy the film. It is worth every ounce of hype it's been given.



The Stars of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone." The movie nearly broke box office records in its first weekend.

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No Slave To Britney's New Album

By JULIE STAVITSKI
Scene Editor

I have very strong musical preferences. Everyone who has ever encountered me knows it- my mother's even called me a snob. I personally prefer the term "musical elitist." I bash the boy bands when they come on T.V. I laugh at the Britney clones when they play the "who can wear the least game."

In the interest of broadening my musical

horizons, however, I asked a friend of mine if I could borrow her copy of Britney Spears' latest release, "Britney." The response?

"Hell is freezing over as we speak."

I'm notorious for changing the station whenever one of many Britney-manufactured songs comes on the radio. I remember discovering that she was doing a rendition of the Rolling Stones' ("I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" and thinking, damn, Mick Jagger must be really hard up for money to sell her the rights to that masterpiece.

Britney's new release has been described as a self-journey and a pivotal CD in the singer's career. Some inane reviewers and, even Britney herself, have likened this album to Janet Jackson's 1986 album "Control." The only parallel I've been able to find is that they both have songs with the word boys in the title and these albums are both third in the vocalists' lists of releases.

I popped the CD in the player and began my incoming torture. The first song, "I'm a Slave 4 U" is built not so much on Britney's supposed vocal talents, but on the background music, which sounds suspiciously like one of the levels in "Sonic the Hedgehog 2." Although I'm supposed to be averse to such manufactured pop crap, I found myself tapping my steering wheel and mouthing the chorus at a stoplight.

"Lonely" sounds like a cross between "Rhythm Nation 1814" Janet Jackson and Eurythmics. And, I'll admit, even though I'm making people question the purity of my taste with every comment I make, I listened to this song three or four times before

continuing on with my familiarization of the CD.

At this point I started to wonder: was there something wrong with me? Could I honestly be getting down to the tunes by the Queen of Cheese? Was I losing my cynical elitist edge? Could Britney really have gotten that much better from her last two releases?

Luckily, the fun was just around the corner for me.

"I'm Not A Girl, Not Yet A Woman," which was cowritten by Dido, made me want to hurl the CD out of my car. Its cheesy, musical theatre piano intro segued into a bunch of lame, depthless lyrics. I just kept envisioning a "Wonderful World of Disney" musical presentation with Britney in front of a "Sound of Music" backdrop, dressed in a gingham dress cut all the way up to...well, you know.

After that heaping helping of cheese, I was eager for something a little more upbeat. I found upbeat in "Boys" but I didn't find anything too fantastic. "Boys" is just the typical shallow Britney fare—and it's kind of difficult to think of her lust after boys when she's got her Prince of Pop, Justin Timberlake, right by her side.

It's also worth mentioning that when I first found out that Britney was covering Joan Jett's "I Love Rock And Roll," I shouted at my issue of Rolling Stone, saying it was blasphemy. After hearing her version, I don't quite think it's blasphemous, but let me say this: she does have a lot of nerve to attempt to cover that.

While I don't absolutely abhor Britney Spears anymore, I'm not completely in love with her. Her new CD should be taken at face value as nothing more than a fun, cheesy album with little depth.

And while I cannot completely return to my anti-pop state, I can say that I've been to the dark side now. And while it was fun for awhile, I'll stick to my reliable old favorites that don't have to lip sync in concert.

Holiday Fun

By C. RUTH CASSELL
Associate Editor

Trees sprawled with white-lit lights, streets packed with cars and teeming with tourists, and above all a high soft-pitched voice can be heard, that of a female street performer singing folk tunes accompanied by an acoustic guitar. Sounds like an old movie meets theme park fantasy world, or something. But, this is just good Old Fredericksburg kicking off the 2001 holiday season with the annual Holiday Open House.

The Open House declared the beginning of the Christmas season on the weekend of Nov. 10-11. Local shops set up booths outside of their doors and offered tasty teasers or holiday gift bags. One entire table was covered with jazz and blues CDs selling for \$3.99 each.

Fredericksburg has a special way of celebrating the holiday traditions. The Visitor's Center collaborates with local businesses to decorate the trees and shops on Caroline Street with white lights and seasonal decorations.

"It kind of feels like small town America, which is what I think a lot of people are looking for these days," said Karen Hedelt, manager of Tours and Development at the Visitor's Center.

Hedelt said that the Visitor's Center helps organize the light display, in addition to the holiday parade that winds through downtown on the afternoon of Sat. Dec. 1 and a Battle of Fredericksburg reenactment on Sat. Dec. 8 and Sun. Dec. 9.

"[The day of the parade] is a very busy

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Photo Courtesy of Yahoo

Britney Spears' style is the perfect mixture of class and trash.

Who Do You Want To Sing You To Sleep?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"The Dandy Warhols, to sing me 'sleep.'"

-Kate Mott, sophomore



"Britney Spears with a mute button."

-Daniel Frisbie, senior



"Radiohead because they're relaxing and soothing."

-Janet Moriarity, sophomore



"Enya, because she's got a sexy voice."

-Lonnie Adams, freshman



"Tim McGraw because he's gorgeous."

-Meagan Lindsay, junior

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day," Hedelt said. "All the restaurants are to the max in the mid afternoon and early evening. And the merchants are busy right up to the start of the parade."

She also said that the Visitor's Center works with the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation to organize the 31st annual Christmas Candlelight Tour, a walking tour of 11 festively decorated homes with a reception area and Artisan and Gift Shop in the Purina Tour on the corner of Charles and Frederick St. The tours run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat. Dec. 8 and Sun. Dec. 9. Tickets cost \$18 in advance and \$24 day-of-tour.

Sue Henderson, one of the directors for the Candlelight Tour, said that more than 1,000 volunteers have worked intermittently on different projects since January in order to put the tour together. The annual holiday event includes not only visits through beautiful homes decorated by volunteer interior decorators, but also the histories of all the houses, horse-drawn carriage rides, carolers and Civil War re-enactors.

"Literally we work on this all year round," Henderson said. "In January we will pick another neighborhood and we're at it again."

Henderson also said that she has had many Mary Washington College students volunteer as hosts and hostesses, who work in three-hour shifts to tell tour-

goers the history of the house, and that the school Brass Ensemble will be playing at 3 p.m. on Sat. Dec. 8 at 306 Caroline St.

The Fredericksburg Ballet Centre, a family run ballet company located on Lafayette Blvd, also has a holiday event scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 8-9. The company will perform a full-scale version of the "Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night and at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon in Dodd Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 and all seats must be reserved.

"We have Richmond and Washington that are so close and have big arts scenes," said Jennifer Cleaton, owner of the Fredericksburg Ballet Centre.

"Richmond Ballet does an annual 'Nutcracker.' We do a very comparable ballet. You do get the whole experience."

According to Cleaton, her company is entirely family run with a lot of volunteer assistance from her parents and from people at the college. She said that the Centre has performed the 'Nutcracker' for 20 years and that they have been working with the college since 1994-1995.

"It's great to have things [in Fredericksburg] for students and children of all ages to do with their families," Cleaton said.

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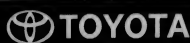


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Human Rights Club "Fast for Peace"	End of Semester Dance Party	"Wonderful Life"	Final Finance Committee meeting	Ambassador Meeting	Dance Team Tryout routine	"Wonderful Life -Dec. 5 - 7 -duPont Hall
-dinner to break fast -Great Hall	-Underground	-duPont Hall	-Seco basement	-Trench Hill	-Goolrick	-8pm
-6pm	-9pm - 1am	-\$4	-7pm	-5pm	-4 - 5:15pm	-\$4
Parent HELP -Volunteer opportunity	Movie Night: -Dodd	Movie Night: -Dodd	CAMPUUS -Mercer Lounge	BSA meeting -Meeting rm. 2	BOND meeting	Eye of the Storm
-COAR	-7pm: Amer. Pie 2 -10pm: Jay & Silent Bob strike back	-4pm: Jay & Bob -7pm: Amer. Pie 2	-8pm	-5pm	-Meeting rm. 2 -7:30pm	-Amphitheater
-6:15pm - 8:15pm	-\$1	-\$1				-2pm
Commuting Students Association meeting	World AIDS Day unfolding ceremony		"Wonderful Life"	Dance Team tryout routine		Senate meeting
-Tan Lounge	-Ball Circle		-duPont Hall	-Goolrick		-Monroe 104
-6pm	-12:30pm		-\$4	-4:30pm - 6pm		-4:30pm
Women of Color general meeting	Jesus Jam 3		Amazing Race -campus-wide scavenger hunt	German Club -Westmoreland 3 rd floor lounge		Lecture: Cathy Derecki
-5pm	-Catholic Student Center		-register in campus center	-8:30 - 9:30pm		"Elements of Good Web Design"
-Meeting room 2	-9pm - 12am		-\$4			-Trinkle B6
						-4pm



Board Of Visitors Updates Campus Master Plan

Site Of Tennis

Courts Also OK'd

By LAUREN LEGARD

Assistant Features Editor

The Board of Visitors approved a draft of the college's updated master plan, a document revised every 10 years to address the direction of the school's improvements and changes. The BOV also made a final decision about the location of the proposed indoor tennis courts.

The newest draft of the master plan, which intends to preserve open space on campus, includes expansions of existing residence halls and academic buildings, a convocation center with a 450-seat theater, on-campus apartment-style housing, and a new fitness center as well as various other campus projects.

President William Anderson said that one main goal of the plan is to maintain the look of campus.

"I think it has been a good process," he said. "I think it's a good master plan. It avoids building in open space."

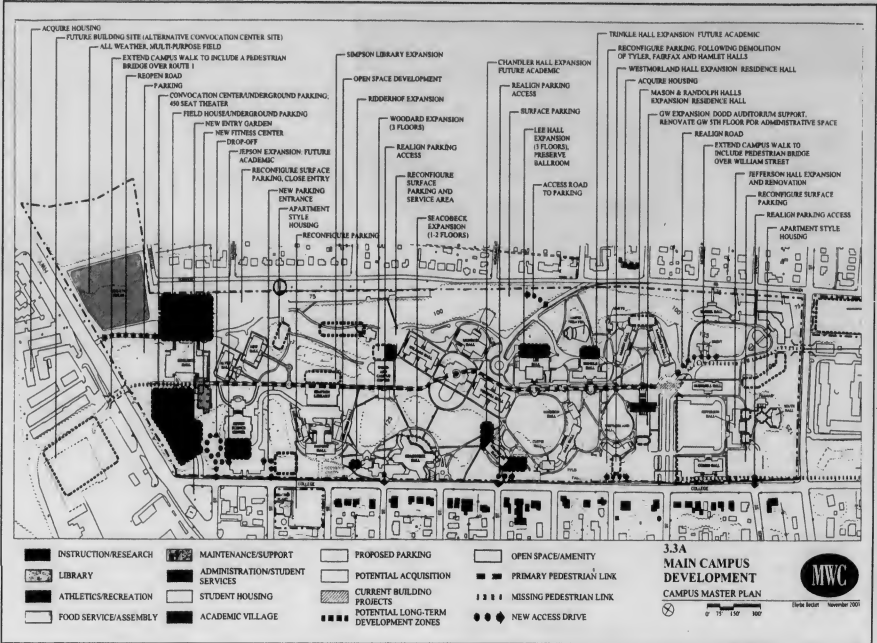
Rector of the BOV Vincent DiBenedetto said that the master plan is the college's tool to access a valuable space, address changes that need to be made to the campus, and to be able to get funding to support the proposed projects.

Anderson said that there are several possible priorities of the plan once funds become available. He said that money from state funding will be used to renovate current academic buildings while money from private funding will go toward construction of an Alumni Executive Center.

He also said that an addition to Lee Hall and construction of a convocation center are top priority. The fitness center near Goodrick Hall has also been approved, and according to Anderson, it will be constructed in approximately 1.5 years.

Board member Suelen Knowles also said she was optimistic about the plan's approval. "The vote means that we have a plan in place when an opportunity arrives for donations but it's also very flexible," she said. "We have one of the most beautiful campuses. I think we're united on leaving open space."

Vice Rector of the BOV Dori Eglevski said that the new version of the plan has proposed positive differences from previous versions.



Courtesy Executive Vice President

A possible Mary Washington College in the future.

"I'm excited about the master plan," Eglevski said. "We started out looking at it back in July. We've had a chance to evaluate, and the one we have this time reflects some additions and changes."

Student Government Association President and Student Representative Ka-Ram Shrim said that he thinks student opinion is vital in revising the plan.

"It's just a wish list," he said. "But the students got to put in input about future proposals so I don't see anything wrong with the plan."

The location of the new indoor tennis courts, a project within the master plan, was

also approved. The debate regarding the tennis courts has focused on the site of the proposed center.

According to John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for Facilities Services, the first proposed site was behind the current outdoor courts in the Battleground Athletic Complex. The Park Service, which owns the property bordering the Battleground property, had some objections to the proposal.

"We talked to the Park Service," Wiltenmuth said. "They indicated their displeasure with that particular site. Then the college looked at other places."

The site that has been accepted for the

location of the courts is near Hanover Street in front of the existing outdoor courts.

Vice Rector of the BOV Eglevski said that she is satisfied with the decision.

"I think that at this point in time it is the best location," she said. "I'm pleased that we've modified the facade of the building to fit with the feeling of the campus."

All board members with the exception of one voted in favor of the location.

"We analyzed several sites," BOV Rector DiBenedetto said. "Our challenge now is to make the building as attractive as possible."

Assistant Vice President Wiltenmuth said that the approximately 50,000-square-foot air-

conditioned building will house six indoor courts and will take approximately a year to construct.

According to Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, the tennis courts will cost about \$4 million. Hurley said that funding for the courts is a combination of private funds and student fees but student fees will not increase in order to construct the courts.

Hurley said other recommendations for priority projects within the master plan will be presented at the Board of Visitors meeting in February.

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